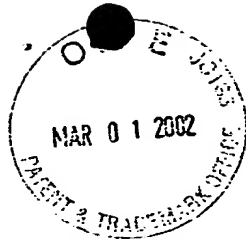


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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,670,380 (Wu) issued September 23, 1997 (**Exhibit 1**);
2. Aghini-Lombardi, et al. The spectrum of thyroid disorders in an iodine-deficient community (1999): The Pescopagano survey. Journal Of Clinical Endocrinology And Metabolism 84:2 (**Exhibit 2**);

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3. Black, et al. Serum thyroglobulin in thyroid cancer (1981) Lancet. 2:443-445 (**Exhibit 3**);
4. Knudsen, et al. The prevalence of thyroid dysfunction in a population with borderline iodine Clinical Endocrinology 51:361-367 (**Exhibit 4**); and
5. Premachandra, et al. Effects and clinical significance of exogenous thyroxine therapy in patients with circulating thyroid hormone autoantibodies (1982). American Journal Of Clinical Pathology 78:(1)63-68 (**Exhibit 5**).

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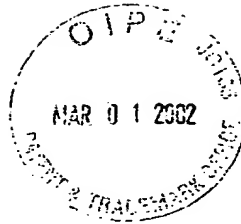
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Applicants request that the Examiner review the publications and make them of record in the subject application.

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